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Dear Dr. Beem:

Thank you for sending me the hearings I asked for.

The timidity of the approach to the kidney is too obvious, though there is some merit to the idea that more fundamental information is needed for optimum design. But the same argument might have suppressed winged aircraft while rockets were being developed. However, I am sure the heart program will set the pace in bringing about the most important revisions of policy on development projects.

Sincerely yours,

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